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Memorandum

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DATE: 11/22/63

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At Approx. 1:25 PM, I talked to ALAN H. BELMONT, Asst. to the Director, who stated he had just finished talking to the Director and of course there was chaos all over the place there.

I advised BELMONT that we had Agents out, but we were not trying to do any searching at this time; that we had Agents at the building where shots came from, this being a five story building at the corner of Elm and Commerce, and apparently the shots came from the 5th floor. We believe there were as many as three shots fired as they hit three people and were from a Winchester rifle. Secret Service has men all over the place and taking charge, and we are just assisting.

BELMONT asked if there was any idea of who fired the shots, and he was advised they have one man arrested. He was told that we have an Agent right outside the door at the hospital.

BELMONT stated that if any Laboratory assistance was wanted, they would send them down; that they are sending down a firearms man also, if wanted. BELMONT pointed out this is basically a Secret Service job, but the Director has made it clear that we are to give every possible assistance — go all out -- anything.

BELMONT said was considering sending wire toall offices to check on rabid persons who said were going to shoot President

SAC said apparently there was not a Secret Service man killed, that only men shot were President and Governor.

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BELMONT stated again to offer all possible assistance; that jurisdiction does not matter now -- to react as if it were ours, and not to hold anything back from Secret Service. Be instructed to keep office advised through Rosen's office; to work it from an investigative standpoint and the responsibility is in Rosen's office. Mr. HOOVER wants to be of all possible assistance. Keep Bureau advised.

President shot at approx 12:30 Death occurred - 1:00 PM

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A few minutes later I talked with Mr. MALLEY who stated they were getting things under way to put out a teletype to all office in the absence of not knowing who is responsible for the shooting, to check out all racial matters, informants, etc.

I advised MALLEY that latest developments are that a police officer has just been shot and killed by a man with a rifle on the corner of the 500 block on east 10th. Police have converged there and they have somebody surrounded, whom they think answered the general description of the assassin. He was advised we would call back as soon as anything is known.

At 1:55 PM, Mr. BELMONT called from Bureau and stated had just received word that Vice President JOHNSON had had a heart attack and was near death in Dallas; that he had been taken away under sedation. Mr. BELMONT requested we find out right now re this. He was told that as far as we know, JOHNSON did leave the area where Pres. KENNEDY and CONNALLY were and he went off with someone; that we don't think JOHNSON had a heart attack. JOHNSON walked off from the hospital.

BELMONT was advised that a police officer was killed shortly afterwards with a rifle and that the man who shot him had been captured in the Texas Theater and was en route to PD; that it was believed he was the man who killed the President. Agents have gone to the PD with the officers right now.

Mr. HOOVER was then calling the Attorney General, and wanted to know re Vice President JOHNSON. Mr. BELMONT was advised that the Agents saw him walk away from the hosp. and a bunch of secret service man were protecting him and completely surrounded him; that we don't know of any heart attack.